

## Petroleum Release Remedial Action Fee

The petroleum release remedial action fee is imposed upon the importer, refiner, or distributor who first sells, offers for sale, or uses petroleum in Nebraska. The fee is three-tenths of one cent (.003) per gallon on motor vehicle fuels such as gasoline and gasohol and one-tenth of one cent (.001) on all other petroleum products.

Revenue from the fee is placed in the Petroleum Release Remedial Action Cash Fund. If the unobligated balance of the fund falls below \$2 million, an additional fee of three-tenths of one cent per gallon on motor vehicle fuels and one-tenth of one cent per gallon on all other petroleum products will be collected until the cash balance of the fund reaches \$4 million. If the unobligated balance of the fund reaches \$5 million, the Department of Revenue will stop collecting the fee until the unobligated fund balance falls below \$3 million. (Currently, the fee is six-tenths of one cent (.006) per gallon on gasoline and two-tenths of one cent (.002) per gallon on all other petroleum products.)

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Month	Gallons Subject to the Fee		1996 Total Gallons	1995 Total Gallons	1996 Total Fee
	Motor Vehicle Fuels	Other Petroleum Products			
January .....	62,073,276	58,279,381	120,352,657	108,756,138	\$ 488,998
February .....	59,473,255	50,029,364	109,502,619	104,575,682	456,898
March .....	64,336,294	70,423,694	134,759,988	130,835,038	526,865
April .....	65,448,585	75,527,870	140,976,455	123,722,831	543,747
May .....	68,732,623	71,322,055	140,054,678	115,002,889	555,040
June .....	71,013,641	74,228,064	145,241,705	151,535,489	574,538
July .....	75,393,211	90,420,326	165,813,537	152,489,016	633,199
August .....	74,626,515	69,421,499	144,048,014	154,588,884	586,602
September .....	64,503,525	62,771,508	127,275,033	132,312,132	512,564
October .....	73,191,321	82,270,541	155,461,862	143,493,635	603,689
November .....	66,340,046	67,433,089	133,773,135	126,067,672	532,906
December .....	68,631,861	62,223,902	130,855,763	124,884,765	536,239
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>813,764,153</b>	<b>834,351,293</b>	<b>1,648,115,446</b>	<b>1,568,264,171</b>	<b>\$6,551,285</b>

## Motor Fuels Tax Rates

For 1996 the quarterly motor fuels tax rates are as follows: January through March, 25.1 cents; April through June, 25.7 cents; July through September, 26.4 cents; and October through December 25.3 cents. The tax rate consists of a fixed portion of 12.5 cents per gallon and a variable portion which is set each calendar quarter. The variable portion of the rate is determined by multiplying the average statewide cost of motor fuels purchased by the State of Nebraska by the variable excise tax percent rate which is set by the State Board of Equalization and Assessment. The motor fuels tax rate is also adjusted each quarter to offset the amount of tax not collected in the previous calendar quarter due to the ethanol producer credit. Ethanol producers located in Nebraska are entitled to a 20-cent per gallon ethanol production tax credit in the form of transferable motor fuels tax credit certificates. When the amount of tax credits issued meets or exceeds a certain percentage of the total amount of motor fuels tax collected during the calendar quarter, the motor fuels tax rate is increased by a proportional amount to compensate for the lost revenue.

The quarterly motor fuels tax rate applies to the motor vehicle fuels, diesel fuel, and interstate motor carrier's tax programs.

Two cents of the fixed portion of the motor fuels tax rate is credited to the Highway Allocation Fund. The remaining 10.5 cents of the fixed portion is credited to the Highway Trust Fund. Revenue generated by the variable portion of the tax rate is credited to Highway Cash Fund. Motor fuels tax revenue credited to the Highway Trust Fund is combined with other sources of highway user revenue and distributed to the Highway Cash Fund (53 1/3 percent) and the Highway Allocation Fund (46 2/3 percent). Highway Allocation Fund revenue is distributed 50 percent to cities and 50 percent to counties.

## Chronology of Motor Fuels Tax Rates

Effective Date	Aircraft Fuel		Petroleum Release Fee		Gasohol ¢/Gallon	Motor Fuel & Diesel Fuel ¢/Gallon	Variable Excise Tax		Total Tax	
	Gas ¢/Gall.	Jet ¢/Gall.	M.V. Fuels ¢/Gallon	Other Prod. ¢/Gallon			Percent	¢/Gallon	Gasohol ¢/Gallon	M.F. & D.F. ¢/Gallon
Jan. 1, 1989	5	3	—	—	9.5	12.5	10.4	5.7	15.2	18.2
April 1, 1989	5	3	—	—	9.5	12.5	10.4	6.0	15.5	18.5
July 1, 1989	5	3	—	—	9.5	12.5	12.9	9.8	19.3	22.3
Oct. 1, 1989	5	3	0.003	0.001	9.5	12.5	14.2	9.5	19.0	22.0
Dec. 1, 1989	5	3	0.003	0.001	9.5	12.5	14.2	9.5	19.0	22.0
April 1, 1990	5	3	0.003	0.001	9.5	12.5	14.2	10.3	19.8	22.8
July 1, 1990	5	3	0.003	0.001	9.5	12.5	13.8	9.4	18.9	21.9
July 10, 1990	5	3	0.003	0.001	10.5	12.5	13.8	9.4	19.9	21.9
Oct. 1, 1990	5	3	0.003	0.001	10.5	12.5	13.8	8.9	19.4	21.4
Jan. 1, 1991	5	3	0.003	0.001	10.5	12.5	13.8	14.0	24.5	26.5
April 1, 1991	5	3	0.003	0.001	10.5	12.5	13.8	11.4	21.9	23.9
July 1, 1991	5	3	0.003	0.001	10.5	12.5	15.4	11.2	21.7	23.7
Oct. 1, 1991	5	3	0.003	0.001	10.5	12.5	15.4	10.9	21.4	23.4
Jan. 1, 1992	5	3	0.003	0.001	10.5	12.5	15.4	11.3	21.8	23.8
April 1, 1992	5	3	0.003	0.001	10.5	12.5	15.4	9.2	19.7	21.7
July 1, 1992	5	3	0.003	0.001	10.5	12.5	16.4	11.1	21.6	23.6
Oct. 1, 1992	5	3	0.006	0.002	10.5	12.5	16.4	11.5	22.0	24.0
Jan. 1, 1993	5	3	0.006	0.002	12.5	12.5	16.4	12.1	24.6	24.6
April 1, 1993	5	3	0.006	0.002	12.5	12.5	16.4	10.2	22.7	22.7
July 1, 1993	5	3	0.006	0.002	12.5	12.5	15.6	11.8	24.3	24.3
Oct. 1, 1993	5	3	0.006	0.002	12.5	12.5	17.6	11.3	23.8	23.8
Jan. 1, 1994	5	3	0.006	0.002	12.5	12.5	17.6	13.5	26.0	26.0
April 1, 1994	5	3	0.006	0.002	12.5	12.5	17.6	10.9	23.4	23.4
July 1, 1994	5	3	0.006	0.002	12.5	12.5	17.2	11.4	23.9	23.9
Oct. 1, 1994	5	3	0.006	0.002	12.5	12.5	17.2	12.3	24.8	24.8
Jan. 1, 1995	5	3	0.006	0.002	12.5	12.5	17.2	11.7	24.2	24.2
April 1, 1995	5	3	0.006	0.002	12.5	12.5	17.2	11.5	24.0	24.0
June 1, 1995	5	3	0.006	0.002	12.5	12.5	18.7	13.2	25.7	25.7
Oct. 1, 1995	5	3	0.006	0.002	12.5	12.5	18.7	12.3	24.8	24.8
Jan. 1, 1996	5	3	0.006	0.002	12.5	12.5	18.7	12.6	25.1	25.1
April 1, 1996	5	3	0.006	0.002	12.5	12.5	18.7	13.2	25.7	25.7
July 1, 1996	5	3	0.006	0.002	12.5	12.5	16.6	13.9	26.4	26.4
Oct. 1, 1996	5	3	0.006	0.002	12.5	12.5	16.6	12.8	25.3	25.3